

Remarks

Claims 1-34 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1, 16, 22, 30, and 34 have been amended. Applicants assert that the claims are now in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

112 Rejections

Claims 1-34 are rejected as being indefinite due to claims reciting transfer of non-login information and also reciting login to a first session. The term “non-login” has been replaced with the term “transactional” to avoid any inconsistency and for further clarification. Furthermore, the claims have been amended where necessary to indicate that login information is exchanged to establish or create the first session through which transactional data may then be exchanged. Accordingly, Applicants assert that the 112 rejections may now be withdrawn.

103 Rejections

Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 14, 16, 20, 22, 23, 25-27, 29-31 and 33 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Fang (US Pat 6,243,816) in view of Taylor (US Pat 6,256,676). The remaining claims stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Fang in view of Taylor and further in view of various other references. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Each independent claim has now been amended to further clarify that the server provides icons to the terminal and/or that the terminal displays icons once the server has established communication sessions with the data systems on behalf of the terminal, where each icon represents and provides access to a particular data system from the terminal and through the server. The cited references fail to disclose these recitations. For example, Fang shows at FIG. 5 a sign-on launcher used for the purpose of showing the user each of the targets for which the user has access while the log-on attempts are occurring and only for the purpose of providing log-on status for each target to the user. Thus, the user in Fang is not given a set of icons for which the user can already access the corresponding data system for every icon displayed since the icons in Fang are displayed while the logon status may still be pending such that some targets being displayed are not

accessible. Furthermore, the user in Fang is not able to access the data system by selecting an icon in FIG. 5 but merely relies on the list of FIG. 5 to see what system has been logged onto so that the user may then attempt to access that target system through some other mechanism.

Accordingly, because all the claims include recitations not disclosed by the cited references, all claims are allowable over the cited references for at least these reasons.

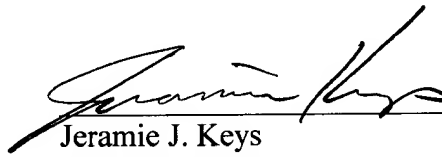
Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-34 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees beyond the fee for continued examination and a one month extension are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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